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Date: Wed, 31 Mar 1993 13:24:21 GMT

From: usc!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!pacific.mps.ohio-state.edu!linac!att!cbnewsc!

k9jma@network.UCSD.EDU Subject: "CB transplants" To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <C4puEt.wp@pacifier.rain.com> mikef@pacifier.rain.com (Mike Freeman)
writes:

>In article <12182@news.duke.edu> jbs@ee.egr.duke.edu (Joe B. Simpson) writes:

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>>Okay, here's a little quiz. How many of you *never* used a CB before
>>becoming a ham?
>Aye ... I never *heard* of CB before becoming a ham (1962).
>>The rest of you, hang your heads in shame; you're "CB transplants."
>Your point is well-taken. However, remember that there are
>*some* of us old enough to remember when CBers at least used
>FCC-issued callsigns part of the time and stuck to the power
>limits and antenna restrictions. That period wasn't long, though!
>{grin}. In any event, I never touched a CB until I'd been a ham
>for thirteen years.
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>Mike Freeman <K7UIJ> |
                              Internet: mikef@pacifier.rain.com
>301 N.E. 107th Street
                              UUCP: uunet!m2xenix!nipple!pacifier!mikef
>Vancouver, WA 98685 USA |
                               GEnie: M.FREEMAN11
>TElephone (206)574-8221 | Pushing 40 is exercise enough!
...and some of us have been hams long enough to have operated legally
on the 11 meter band when it was allocated to the amateur radio service.
In those days "CB" was up at 450 Megacycles. Anybody remember the
"Vocaline" rigs that were available for that CB band?
73 de Ed K9JMA
Ed Schaefer K9JMA
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Date: 31 Mar 1993 16:34:44 GMT
From: topaz.bds.com!topaz.bds.com!ron@uunet.uu.net
Subject: "Technician" class means what?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu
> Of course, Uncle Charlie knows who's who,
Actually, Uncle Charlie doesn't know. Uncle Bart does :-)
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Date: 31 Mar 1993 16:32:54 GMT
From: topaz.bds.com!topaz.bds.com!ron@uunet.uu.net
Subject: "Technician" class means what?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu
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> Now there's a good example of a poorly designed program!

Give it a break, it was designed to spec thirty years ago. The major problem is getting replacement vacuum tubes for the computer it runs on :-)

-Ron

Date: Tue, 30 Mar 93 00:11:46 EST

From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!gatech!nanovx!

dragon!blackwlf!nj8j!ben@network.UCSD.EDU

Subject: 1rst Amendment rights & Ham Radio. (was: Another 3rd Party Ques

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

dadams@cray.com (David Adams) writes:

- > BTW, how strongly do the rules against discussing politics apply? I notice t
- > Ham radio operators are largely responsible for getting information out of Bo
- > So what determines when it is ok to discuss the affairs of the war in Bosnia
- > what is happening over there with Bosnian hams, and when it is not ok?

There's nothing in Part 97 against discussing politics on the air. Operating guides have at times suggested avoiding discussing politics(or sex) on the air, but to my knowledge it has never been an official rule.

Ben

| Ben Coleman NJ8J | "All that is not eternal is | | Packet: NJ8J@W4Q0.#EAL.#ATL.GA.USA.NA | eternally irrelevant." | | Internet: ben@nj8j.atl.ga.us | or ben@nj8j.blackwlf.mese.com | C. S. Lewis

Date: 31 Mar 1993 18:02:26 GMT

From: usc!news.bbn.com!levin@network.UCSD.EDU

Subject: 1rst Amendment rights & Ham Radio. (was: Another 3rd Party Question)

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In <1993Mar30.105444.19849@hemlock.cray.com>

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There are no rules in the FCC regs against discussing politics. What is excluded is specifically spelled out and includes any carrying on of business, obscenity, profanity, music, etc.

Third party traffic to and from foreign hams is also excluded, except for those countries with which the U.S.has an appropriate treaty, and third party traffic is carefully and explicitly defined. It has nothing to do with political discussion, and there is no reason not to "discuss the affairs of the war in Bosnia and what is happening over there with Bosnian hams" all you want (they may have rules on their side prohibiting certain kinds of things, of course; but the U.S. imposes no such rules).

/JBL N1MNF

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Nets: levin@bbn.com | "How does a mouse let me move the cursor anywhere pots: (617)873-3463 | I want?" "What are address busses?" "How do N1MNF/AA | icons work?" --Time-Life Books

Date: 31 Mar 1993 18:27:14 GMT

From: usc!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!usenet.ucs.indiana.edu!master.cs.rose-hulman.edu!

master.cs.rose-hulman.edu!news@network.UCSD.EDU

Subject: 2 meter phone calls?

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <12434@news.duke.edu> jbs@ee.egr.duke.edu (Joe B. Simpson)
writes:

- > In article <1993Mar31.084349.9627@ke4zv.uucp> gary@ke4zv.UUCP (Gary Coffman) writes:
- > >Correct. But if the wife asks you to stop and pick up a loaf of bread,
- > >or tells you the boss just called, you've stepped over the line.
- > Boss, yes; bread, no (unless the husband or the wife owns or works at the
- > bakery). How can asking someone to pick up groceries be construed as > conducting business?

EASY!! Anyone can construe anything to mean anything one chooses. It happens all the time.

Construing is one of the easiest things in the world to do. You'll probably construe these statements to be a flame. In which case, you've

MISconstrued. 73 de K9CUN, Jack _____ -joe > --You spend the night > > Like you were spending a dime - Lyle Lovett _____ Hey Lyle: You can't get much for a dime these days. But you can get a haircut for a few bucks. _____ _____ Date: Wed, 31 Mar 1993 16:11:18 GMT From: mcsun!fuug!krk!squrppi@uunet.uu.net Subject: Alinco 570 Secret Bands To: info-hams@ucsd.edu Galen Watts (galen@picea.CFNR.ColoState.EDU) wrote: : reception in the 340 MHz and 860MHz areas. Has anyone else : been able to do this? Would anyone care to know how to do this? Please tell us how. This just might work on other Alinco radios as well.. Connect 3141592653590/V93Ter/LapLAND/Mnp666/Vryfast squrppi@krk.fi OH2KEA (KP 20 KF) -----Date: Tue, 30 Mar 93 15:29:39 EST

From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!gatech!nanovx!

dragon!blackwlf!nj8j!ben@network.UCSD.EDU

Subject: Another 3rd Party Question

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

cfm1471@ucs.usl.edu (Morrison Charles F) writes:

> How come since before W.W. 1, the United States has been great allies with

> both the French as well as the British, and there is NO 3rd party agreement?

> I mean, we are supposed to be the "best of buddies" right? You know, lots > of trading, and tourism, and the such. What is the deal here? Is this some > sort of govefnmental red tape or what?

Dunno about France, but last I knew, third-party traffic is verboten in Great Britain even for the natives. Under those circumstances, obviously third party agreements between GB and other countries are right out.

Ben

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| Ben Coleman NJ8J
| Packet: NJ8J@W400.#EAL.#ATL.GA.USA.NA | eternally irrelevant." |
| Internet: ben@nj8j.atl.ga.us |
    or ben@nj8j.blackwlf.mese.com
                                     C. S. Lewis
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Date: 31 Mar 1993 17:54:24 GMT

From: noc.near.net!transfer.stratus.com!sw.stratus.com!fms@uunet.uu.net

Subject: ARRL living in the past? (was Re: motive ...)

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <jfhC4onx8.4I4@netcom.com>, jfh@netcom.com (Jack Hamilton) writes: > [...]

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> 2) QST's attitude towards women hams seems to be somewhat condescending. The ARRL's intentions seem to be good, but not their implementation.

Hi Jack,

I'm curious why you put this in here. What have you seen that would lead you to say this? The treatment I have gotten from the ARRL is identical to that which my husband gets, i.e. very good to excellent, with few exceptions.

73 de Faith N1JIT

Faith M. Senie InterNet: fms@vos.stratus.com Stratus Computer, Inc. InterNet: fms@hoop.sw.stratus.com 55 Fairbanks Blvd. Pkt Radio: n1jit@ka1srd.ma.usa.na Marlboro, MA 01752 Phone: (508)460-2632

[&]quot;I'm afraid I don't know very much about Romulan Disruptor settings" --Spock

Date: 31 Mar 1993 18:03:05 GMT

From: usc!news.bbn.com!levin@network.UCSD.EDU

Subject: contests
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In <1p9rhcINNf05@topaz.bds.com> ron@topaz.bds.com (Ron Natalie) says:

|> The 10m band goes up to 29.7 MHz, and there is little or no contest

|> activity up that high - plenty of room for chattering o

. . .

|The major portion of 10 that gets blasted is the Novice/Tech section. |These people can't QSY farther up 10M.

Actually, that's a good thing. For all the reasons contesting is interesting, this is mostly the only place that the Novice/Tech gets to experience it(*). Little of the contest CW happens in the novice bands which leaves the 10-meter novice SSB band. I really appreciated this fact a lot.

|If people could kindly say "the frequency is in use" and the infringing |station could move up a few kc, we could be a lot better off...

Yes. Of course what often happens is that the guy you hear has his beam pointed right at you and the station that's running on the frequency. It's the latter guy you can hardly hear if at all, and he can't hear you, because you're off the back of his beam. Seems there's a lot of that going on too, and I don't know if there's anything that could be done about it.

/JBL N1MNF

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Nets: levin@bbn.com | "There were sweetheart roses on Yancey Wilmerding's POTS: (617)873-3463 | bureau that morning. Wide-eyed and distraught, she N1MNF/AA | stood with all her faculties rooted to the floor."

-- S. J. Perelman

Date: 31 Mar 93 17:03:41 GMT

From: overload.lbl.gov!agate!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!gatech!swrinde!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!saimiri.primate.wisc.edu!usenet.coe.montana.edu!news.u.washington.edu!

ns1.nodak.edu!@dog.ee.lbl.gov

Subject: Help with GE Prog Line Radio

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I recently have acquired two GE MASTR Progress Line mobile radios that I intend to use for packet. I have the instruction/service manual,

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and I've re-rocked and re-aligned the transmitter with almost no trouble.
Almost. The radio, according to spec's, is supposed to put out 35+
watts. It's only putting out about 20 to 25. Yes, the transmitter
is properly aligned, as near as I can tell. What I'm wondering about
is whether there is a power-output limiter of some sort that I can't
find in the manual. Can anybody help me?
Thanx!
Greg Moore, NOODQ
President, Sioux Amateur Radio Club
University of North Dakota
Date: Wed, 31 Mar 1993 17:18:59 GMT
From: swrinde!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!wupost!eclnews!cec1!dp@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: How to charge Gel-Cells
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu
In article <1993Mar31.141302.24902@infonode.ingr.com> ljbartel@naomi.b23b.ingr.com
>In article <+uiGs*5K1@lemsys.UUCP>, clemon@lemsys.UUCP (Craig Lemon VE3XCL)
writes:
            Hello all, there is a possibility that I may come into possession
>|> of some _large_ gel cells (ie. in the order of a large lead-acid car battery
>|> in capacity) and I was wondering how gel-cells are charged... I know that
>|> NiCd (and NiMH I think) are charged by constant current, and that lead-acid
>|> types are charged by constant voltage. Are gel-cells also charged by
>|> constant voltage but have an upper limit on the charging current due to the
>|> gelled electrolyte? Can I get away with charging this on a relatively
>|> low-current lead-acid charger (10A)? What I would really appreciate is
>|> someone who could give me charging parameters in terms of C, the battery's
>|> capacity.
>From Eagle Picher data in Electronic Engineers Master Catalog:
>float charge 2.28 - 2.32 volts/cell .2C continuous
>normal charge 2.5 - 2.55 volts/cell .5C 10 - 24 hours
>From Gates data in the same catalog:
>float charge constant voltage: 2.3 - 2.4 volts/cell constant current: C/500
>normal charge constant voltage: 2.4 - 2.5 volts/cell constant current: C/5
> - les
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I'm going to live forever

>Les Bartel

>Intergraph Corporation ... or die trying
>Electronics Division
>ljbartel@ingr.com
>or ljbartel@naomi.b23b.ingr.com
>(205) 730-8537

QST of June 1987 has an article on charging gelled-electrolyte batteries of all sizes:

Warren Dion (N1BBH), "A New Chip for Charging Gelled-Electrolyte Batteries", QST, 26-29, June 1987.

It is a construction article based around Unitrode's UC3906 chip, and it also presents operational and charging considerations for these batteries.

-David (HC1DT)

David Prutchi Washington University Campus Box 1185 St. Louis, MO 63130-4899

Date: 31 Mar 93 18:06:09 GMT

From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!gatech!prism!

gt7479c@network.UCSD.EDU

Subject: Kenwood TH-26AT Manual & Mods

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I just bought a Kenwood TH-26AT, but the guy who sold it to me didn't have the manual. If anuone has one that they can copy, I'd be happy to pay for the shipping and copying.

Also, if anyone knows where I can get mods for it, please let me know.

Thanks,

Duncan Sinclair KD4ZGH gt7479c@prism.gatech.edu

Date: 31 Mar 93 10:58:34 EST

From: swrinde!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!darwin.sura.net!udel!news.intercon.com!

psinntp!arrl.org@network.UCSD.EDU

Subject: QRP (was Re: 'CB transplants')

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.misc, adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Charles Adams) writes:

>best i could do was 6 blocks (~0.5miles) with KWM-2a with
>Heathkit Kantenna in 1961 on 40 meters. was tuning up on the dummy
>load, something else a lot of people need to learn today - it's a lost
>art, and heard a local YL call CQ. surprised when she came back.

Hi Chuck!

This reminds me of my favorite QRP tale! (Oh, no . . . here he goes again!)

When I was working toward my QRP WAS, I was on 20-meter CW with a fellow in FL (sure wish I remembered his call!). When I told him my power was 250 milliwatts, he sure was surprised. He came back to me to tell me that he had reduced power from 100 watts to 50 watts and wanted to know how weak he was. (He was originally well over S9.) I told him I couldn't tell the difference.

As we went back and forth, he kept reducing his power. He told me that his meter showed about a watt. He was still perfectly readable. On the next go-round, he thought he had me -- he said that he could barely see the needle flicker. No problem. On the NEXT go-round, he DID have me -- I heard him in there, but REAL weak. I copied about 50% of what he said, then heard him turn it back over to me. I told him that I got most of it, but that he had gone a bit too far -- he just had to increase his power again.

He came right back, loud enough, roaring with CW laughter. It turns out that he had decided to toy with me by pumping 5 watts into his dummy load! Sure floored him when his real QPW (puny-weak -- not an official Q code) made the trip.

If he had been running 1500 watts, he would have been weak, but Q5 all the way! I guess even a dummy load won't completely eliminate tune-up QRM!

:-)

73 from ARRL HQ, Ed

Ed Hare, KA1CV ehare@arrl.org American Radio Relay League 225 Main St.

Newington, CT 06111 You will never put the puzzle together

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(203) 666-1541 - voice
                             if you keep putting all the pieces
                             back in the box.
ARRL Laboratory Supervisor
RFI, xmtr and rcvr testing
Date: Wed, 31 Mar 1993 18:26:19 GMT
From: usc!cs.utexas.edu!convex!usenet@network.UCSD.EDU
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu
References <1p7g6cINN4q1@morrow.stanford.edu>,
<1993Mar30.055939.18122@bongo.tele.com>, <N4HY.93Mar30102143@tang.ccr-p.ida.org>
Reply-To: tonyp@convex.COM
Subject : Re: motive ...
McGwier) writes:
    Oh dear. Now the homosexualists are targeting the poor old
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}>ARRL? I suppose they like the Boy Scouts are now to be targeted for
}>not openly supporting the behaviour of others.
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    When will this discrimination by the homosexualists against
}>others end?
}I could not agree more. I bitterly resent the damage done to Boy Scouts
}by the removal of funding from various sources. Because of this I have
}removed all forms of support I previously gave to ANY group that supports
}equal rights for gays with their funds, directly or indirectly.
                       [stuff deleted]
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Ahhh - typical incorrectly-informed, racist hatred.

One company (I'm not telling you who, so you can't boycott their products) dropped their support (funding) of the Boy Scouts because it is a *supposedly* public organization, and therefore should not discriminate against people's non-belief in a "god" or sexual orientation.

Of course, the masses took this wrong (as you did) and started a 50's-style mass hysteria - like when aliens from outer space land...

Here in San Diego there was a Police Officer that was with the boy scouts for something like 20 years. He had won just about every award in his precinct, and was an outstanding pack leader. When the boy scouts kicked him out for being gay the Chief of Police revoked all the boy scout's special permits, and they were no longer allowed to use public meeting places (schools, town halls) for their gathering. The Chief said he would not tolerate any kind of racism.

And, funniest of all, is ham radio has more than it's share of these icky homo's: Think about it: here's a place, almost all men, with quite a few young boys, and where everybody is a little off-center (eccentric) [tell me you can name ONE ham that isn't a little "weird"...]. And they do things like have meetings, and go out for coffee and doughnuts, and hang around together in each other's shacks, and do field day.

[I hope I didn't blow any body's cover telling you this] :-)

Not all gay people are "pansy". When 2 of my ham friends "confessed" to me I was pretty surprized, but told them I still liked them, and don't care: it leaves more girls for me! :-)

When they told me they "met" thru ham radio, we were laughing our selves silly! Then they told me the above story of why ham radio is so much fun!

Just think, Bob: in some shacks, fuses aren't the only things that get blown!

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Tony J. Podrasky [YOGI-ism]s: - It's not an illusion: it just looks like one.

San Diego , Ca - No one goes there anymore: it's too crowded.

tonyp@convex.com - Hey Yogi: You're looking pretty cool today.

QSL? QRU? QRZ? QLZ? Thanks: you don't look so hot yourself.

Date: 31 Mar 1993 18:05:38 GMT

From: usc!news.bbn.com!levin@network.UCSD.EDU

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <fritza.733424191@well.sf.ca.us>, <1993Mar30.154403.29055@cbnewsl.cb.att.com>, <1993Mar30.161536.9803@mnemosyne.cs.du.edu> Subject : Re: 2 meter phone calls?

In <1993Mar30.161536.9803@mnemosyne.cs.du.edu>
 jmaynard@nyx.cs.du.edu (Jay Maynard) writes:
|[This discussion belongs in .policy; followups redirected.]
 well, ok, next one :-)

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|>family I'm stuck in traffic and to start dinner without me. Is this
l>correct?
Yes.
|This is an outgrowth of the urban legend that it's not legal to use the
|autopatch to avoid toll charges.
Well, it's also an outgrowth of the argument that comes up from time
to time over whether it's legal to call a tow truck from the highway
after a breakdown since that could be considered "doing business".
(The answer is that yes, that counts as an emergency. Please don't
restart that debate now.)
It's like domestic third party traffic; excluding emergencies, it has
to be personal or technical, not business related to be legal; and it
has to be brief and infrequent to keep from pissing off the other
repeater users :-).
                    Ever since I first heard this in 1977, I have
|never been able to find a regulation stating this, nor has anyone else ever
|been able to point one out to me.
Because there isn't one, of course.
    /JBL
           N1MNF
Nets: levin@bbn.com | "Earn more sessions by sleeving."
pots: (617)873-3463
          N1MNF/AA |
                                                     -- Roxanne Kowalski
Date: 31 Mar 1993 18:40:38 GMT
From: noc.near.net!news.bbn.com!levin@uunet.uu.net
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu
References <1p8mgsINNgt4@emx.cc.utexas.edu>, <1p9rhcINNf05@topaz.bds.com>,
<lrjn6pINN1oi@news.bbn.com>c.nea
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(*)With one major exception, the Novice Roundup. This is a Very Good Contest. It lasts a week, happens only on the novice bands, and is very low key. (Well, I suppose there may be some who take the high pressure approach to the NR too.) I worked it most evenings a half hour to an hour and a half, mostly on CW. I it was the key to getting me over 13 wpm. This is one contest I plan to participate in every year. I have participated in other contests, but just for fun, not for the competition. You may find my call sign in the bottom of the ranks in the QST and CQ listings (eventually), and that's fine with me.

/JBL N1MNF

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Nets: levin@bbn.com | pots: (617)873-3463 |

N1MNF/AA |

"I gotta go."

-- I. Shoales

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